

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to a final Office Action dated October 5, 2005. Prior to this amendment claims 1-32 were pending. Claims 1, 5-8, 12, 16-19, 27 and 28 have been amended. Claims 3-4, 13-15, 23-25 and 30 have been cancelled. Claims 1-2, 5-12, 16-22, 26-29 and 31-32 are pending.

The Office Action indicated that claims 26, 27 and 32 are allowed. The Office Action further indicated that claims 4, 6, 7, 9-11, 15-18, 21, 22, 30 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 4 and intervening claim 3. Accordingly, claim 1 and claims 2 and 5-11 which depend from claim 1 are in condition for allowance. Similarly, claim 12 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 15 and intervening claims 13 and 14. Accordingly, claim 12 and claims 16-22 which depend from claim 12 are in condition for allowance. Claims 23-25 have been cancelled. Claim 27 has been amended to depend from claim 26, instead of claim 27. Claim 28 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 30. Accordingly, claim 28 and claims 29 and 31 which depend from claim 28 are in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 5, 8, 12-14, 19, 20, 23-25, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by European Patent Application No. 0 854,590 by Tailor et al. The applicant respectfully disagrees. However, to expedite prosecution, the applicant has cancelled claims 3-4, 13-15, 23-25 and 30 and amended each remaining independent claim to include all of the limitations of a claim indicated as allowable as described above. Accordingly, the rejections with respect to claims 3-4, 13-15, 23-25 and 30 are moot. The applicant reserves the right to prosecute the

subject matter of claims 3-4, 13-15, 23-25 and 30 in this or another patent application.

The applicant has considered the references that were made of record by the Office Action. The applicant asserts that the claimed invention is patentably distinct from the cited references.

CONCLUSION

The applicant respectfully requests an early allowance of pending claims 1-2, 5-12, 16-22, 26-29 and 31-32.

A Petition for Revival is being filed simultaneous with this Amendment in response to the Office Action.

Applicant requests a three month Extension of Time in which to respond. Please Deposit Account 17-0026 the requisite fee associated with this Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 17-0026 any fees associated with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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